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**Petition for Extension of Time
(Rules 136 and 1.17(a)-(d))**

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Request for Extension of 1 Month(s) to: 01/09/04

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Very Respectfully,

Applicant: _____

Jack V. Smith

Enc.: Response to Office Action dated 01/09/04

c/o: Myron Hill

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